

# Activities of Women Prominent in the Social Life of the Nation's Capital

## Society

### Six Charming Women of the Army Set in Washington

**W**HAT a difference a few months make! Last season you scarcely ever saw a man in uniform except on a few festive occasions; war is declared; and suddenly nine men out of every ten you meet are wearing the khaki or the blue. Even the first month after we entered the war, the men who immediately donned an uniform felt conspicuous. Now the conspicuous man is the one in evening dress. Certainly at the two large balls of last week, the one at the Willard Wednesday evening for the benefit of the Episcopate, Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital, and the dance Thanksgiving evening at Rauscher's given under the auspices of the Navy Relief Society, the conventional dress suit was conspicuous because of its almost total absence.

Washington is always full these days with men in uniform, but during the holidays the town fairly swarmed with them. At all the parties every branch of the service was represented and every rank. Everybody seemed bent upon making every man in the service have the time of his life; houses were thrown open to them; they were feted and amused in every way imaginable. At the dances the girls devoted all of their attentions and saved both their smiles and their dances for the boys in the service. They did not do it in a spirit of reproach for the boys who are still wearing citizens' clothes, many of whom are serving their nation in other capacities; but because the service boys are only home for a short time and the holidays were for their special enjoyment. One group of youths who are still attending school were turned down so often at the debutantes' ball last week that they finally left and consorted themselves with a midnight supper at Childs.

The holiday functions were particularly enjoyable for they brought together many who have been away from Washington for months and furnished their friends with an opportunity to greet them and to congratulate them. The graduates from the last reserve officers' training camp at Fort Myer were very much in evidence. They have a short leave after three months of the hardest work any of them ever did before in their lives, earning their commissions. Most of the boys from Fort Myer expect to be on duty at Camp Meade, so they won't go far from home for a while, anyway.

How Washington has changed! That is the expression heard on all sides. It has too. When one goes shopping it seems like every day is a Christmas shopping day for the men and the women are all crowded. All of the younger men, all of the bachelors have gone and in their places are lots of strangers from other cities, but none of them are allowed to remain strangers long. The dinner lists and the box parties all contain names quite unfamiliar until a few months ago. One old Washington resident says that she misses all her old friends so much she dislikes to go to parties any more. Also she fears she will have to dispose of her motor for want of a space to park it when she goes shopping or calling; the city is overflowing with automobiles as it is with people. It certainly does not seem like Washington. Washington people say the city is now like New York, but New Yorkers shake their heads and say "Washington is still quite slow."

President and Mrs. Wilson went to two balls last week and two evenings in succession; the first large functions they have attended this season. At each occasion they were accompanied by family party and were busily engaged all evening acknowledging the greetings of many who have over the low rail of their box to say a few words to them. Both Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are looking unusually well; appear to be enjoying the best of health.

Miss Bones always has a good time wherever she goes. She has a charming personality and is popular with everyone. The men really fall over themselves to ask her to dance with them and she appears to dance very well. The Presidential party usually leaves these parties too early for Miss Bones, who bids them good-by and joins other friends. At the ball at

the Willard Wednesday evening she passed the last half of the evening with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Davies.

Mr. Davies is another person who is extremely popular and dances beautifully. He seems to enjoy dancing as much as Miss Bones does. He enters into the spirit of the dancing with real earnestness as he does everything he undertakes; hence his success. Everything he does he does thoroughly and well. Though now serving on the Federal Trade Commission he is seriously considering running for the United States Senate from Wisconsin, and if he does he will make a splendid Senator; just the kind the country needs at this time. He has quite an unusual mind, a splendid education, and all of the qualities that make a real statesman. Mrs. Davies is a delightful woman and a fitting help mate for such a man.

Secretary and Mrs. McAdoo and Mr. and Mrs. Julian Bolling, like Miss Bones, refused to leave the Navy Relief ball before the dancing had ceased. Both Mr. and Mrs. McAdoo have always loved to dance and do it very well, particularly together. Mrs. McAdoo looks well and happy and full of the joy of living. Quite the most interesting young man at that ball was Mr. McAdoo's son, Robert Hazellhurst McAdoo, ordinary seaman, and the living image of his father. He attracted the attention of everyone by his pleasant boyish face and delightful manners. He is the youngest of the Secretary's sons by his first wife and is about 18. He was attending St. Paul's School at Concord, N. H., and was to have graduated last June, but quit school the end of last May to enlist in the navy and to serve under his oldest brother, Francis Huger McAdoo, who is on the submarine chaser presented to the government by his father-in-law, Capt. Isaac E. Emerson.

Ned Lane was at the ball too, and looks very fine in his ensign uniform. He is a delightful boy and is very popular among all ages. But then the entire Lane family are charming.

Dorothy Drake made her second debut at the Thanksgiving ball, for she has been in Japan for almost a year. Miss Drake made her debut two seasons ago and was so popular that she impaired her health and had to refuse all invitations for a year. Then she went to the Orient, and is just back. She says that she had a wonderful time and saw many interesting things. She looks very well and was as popular the other evening as she was her first season.

From a financial standpoint the navy relief ball was a complete success, but everyone said they thought the function would have been more enjoyable if the ballroom had been larger. The

navy relief ball always brought out a crowd of people large enough to fill the huge ball left at the navy yard in past seasons, and when the same several hundred people tried to crowd into the ballrooms at Rauscher's it was simply impossible to dance, to see any of your friends or to breathe at all.

Mrs. Daniels has received a number of checks from various folks to swell the proceeds of the ball. Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Meredith, who were entertained by Secretary and Mrs. Daniels in their box at the ball, gave her a check for \$100. Mr. and Mrs. Meredith and their young daughter are staying at the Willard this winter. Mrs. Meredith is connected with the Post-Office here. Their home is in Iowa, and they are people of great wealth. Mr. Meredith and Secretary Daniels are close friends. The Merediths are intensely interested in the navy now because they have a son who has enlisted in that branch of the service.

Mrs. Meredith wrote a letter to Mrs. Daniels with her check which she said, "Enclosed find \$100 for the Navy Relief Ball. I wish I had 1,000,000 checks of the size for the cause and only wish I could do more for the boys on this Thanksgiving Day. Very sincerely, Edna Meredith."

Mrs. George Dewey, who could not act as a patroness, as has been her custom for years, because of her mourning, also sent a check for \$100 to Mrs. Daniels to swell the fund. Mrs. George Whalen, of New York, Mrs. Whalen was a guest of Rear Admiral and Mrs. Leigh Palmer in their box at the ball. She was so impressed by the interest of the people in Washington in the Navy Relief Society and the wonderful work that it accomplishes that she went home and immediately mailed Mrs. Daniels a check for \$100.

One of the most interesting occasions of Thanksgiving Day was the dinner given to the enlisted men of the army by the Navy League at Rauscher's. The purpose of the dinner was not only to make the army men have a good time, but to cement the friendly spirit which prevails between the two branches of the service. Then several interested persons invited some navy and marine corps men to the same dinner and they all had a beautiful time together with Mrs. Seaton Schroeder and several other navy women looking after their wants.

The mammoth Allied bazaar in New York, "Hero Land," took most of the diplomatic corps to New York some time during the week. Yesterday was Italian day, so the Ambassador from Italy and Countess di Celere went up for the occasion yesterday morning and will return some time today. They were accompanied by their son and daughter, by the military attaché, Gen. Emilio Guglielmotti, and the naval attaché, Capt. Lamberto Vannutelli.

While the debutantes will not fare as well this season as have their predecessors, the social prospect of the younger daughters of the leading families is far from depressing. A matron, in arranging a series of parties for her debutante daughter, gave expression to a principle which will no doubt be followed by other hostesses in adapting themselves to the new social conditions dependent upon society for livelihood. The abandonment of large and extravagant parties is wise. Such things cannot be made to fit into the present situation, but if all simpler

forms of social life were discontinued I am sure we should find ourselves obliged to open soup kitchens to provide for the needy among certain groups of working men and women. The Washington debutantes solved the problem; they arranged a plan by which they kill two birds with one stone. They have arranged a series of dances by which they can enjoy themselves and raise funds for some relief work at the same time. At the dance they gave last week at the Willard when the District ambulance corps was the beneficiary, they netted something over \$1,000. Practically the only expense connected with the ball was the rent of the Willard ball room, which for the past few years has been in spite of the fact that practically all of the functions given there this winter are for relief work of some sort.

The next party the buds will give will probably be in a less expensive place so that more of the money collected will be usable for the purpose for which the ball will be given. The plan, now but dimly outlined in the committee's mind, is to have a cabaret affair for which the admission will be much more than the tickets for the ball were. The debutantes will probably be dressed in cunning red, white and blue dresses made with short skirts and will sell cigarettes, candy, flowers and such things among the audience. Perhaps some show in town at the time will provide part of the entertainment. It sounds like a jolly party and is sure to be if those girls undertake it. These girls are, by the way, learning to manage such large subscription affairs and by the time the season is closed, will be quite expert at it.

Though Mrs. Christian Hemmick has been in the city for about a week she has not had much time to visit among her friends, for she has been occupied in fixing up her house in Eighteenth street, leased for some time by the Cuban legation. Mrs. Hemmick is having it painted, papered, re-decorated and made very lovely for the next tenant, yet unknown. Mrs. Hemmick has exquisite taste in such matters. She has much of her furniture in the apartment of Mrs. McCormick on the first floor of Mrs. McCormick's handsome apartment house, 178 Massachusetts avenue. That building is full now and has many interesting tenants, all of whom do a great deal of entertaining in a quiet way. Mr. and Mrs. V. Everett Macy are on the top floor; Mrs. Thomas Chadbourn has one of the apartments; Paul Rainey has Miss Judge's suite; the John S. Cravens another, also Mr. and Mrs. Scott Stewart. Mrs. Hemmick has promised to visit Washington often this winter when she will have more time to see her friends.

The visit of Dr. and Mrs. Grenfell was of much interest to the cave dwellers of Washington. Though Dr. Grenfell spent most of his time making addresses in both public places and at private houses, he and his wife were quite entertained several times by a few old friends. One of the oldest of his friends was Mrs. William H. Jaques, who had about a dozen people to meet him one afternoon for tea at her apartment, 2400 Sixteenth street. Dr. Grenfell and Mrs. Jaques' late husband, Capt. Jaques, U. S. N., were intimate friends. It was the first time in eight years that Mrs. Jaques and Dr. and Mrs. Grenfell have gotten together and they had much to talk over. Mrs. Jaques has recently come to Washington to reside and is one of the most charming and intellectual of the newcomers. She is also very handsome. She was formerly Miss Mary Adele Genser, of the British West Indies.

At the Navy Relief ball the other evening Mrs. Jaques wore a very interesting brooch set with diamonds arranged in the design of the coat of arms of Japan. It was presented to Capt. Jaques by the late Prince Arisugawa, who was at that time the heir apparent to the Japanese throne and was traveling in this country. The pin was originally intended to be worn only by royalty.

Capt. Jaques had many close friends among the Japanese as he traveled among them much and was of invaluable service to their navy previous to the Chinese war, so much so that the Emperor decorated him with the Order of the Rising Sun. Capt. Jaques up to the time of his untimely death in England about a year ago, was an ardent advocate of preparedness for this nation and spoke at length on the subject on several occasions. He is the sort of a man that this country needs very much at this critical time and it is certainly too bad that he died just before this nation entered the war. While he lived though, he accomplished many things worth while and of real use to the allies now.

Capt. Jaques was from Philadelphia and is descended from an old Huguenot family which came early to America and located near Perth Amboy, N. J., and Newburyport, Mass. He graduated from the Naval Academy and served on board several large naval vessels and acted at various times as aide to the President, the Secretary of the Navy and the commandant of the New York navy yard. He also had charge of various important scientific works, assisted the board of education in technical education, was assistant inspector of ordnance, and secretary of the United

States Gun Foundry Board and secretary to the Senate Committee on Ordnance and Warships, among other things of equal importance. Capt. Jaques introduced into the United States the system of fluid compression and hydraulic forging of heavy masses of steel and was the inventor of many improvements in the manufacture of heavy ordnance and armor, notably the double forging process of armor adopted by the United States, and was the leading exponent of the employment of nickel in steel. He was for some time associated with Capt. John Ericsson in the development of submarine artillery.

Capt. Jaques resigned his commission in the navy in 1887 and accepted a position with the Bethlehem Iron Company, now the Bethlehem Steel Company, to superintend the design, construction and adaptation of machinery for the establishment of these of ordnance and armor-plate works; and introduced there powerful hydraulic presses for the fluid compression and forging of large masses of steel. He continued as ordnance engineer of the Bethlehem company until 1894 when, having successfully accomplished all the obligations involved in the enterprise he advised them to undertake, he retired.

He then became associated with the eminent engineer and naval architect, Horace See, and others in general engineering and construction in connection with the manufacture of treatment of guns, armor, shafting and other war material and especially with the fluid compression and hydraulic forging of steel and the best types of armor. In addition to these activities, Capt. Jaques, at the request of the governor of New Jersey, organized the Naval Reserve for that State and was commissioned captain.

The later developments of the Bethlehem works are in a great measure due to Capt. Jaques, who became the recognized independent authority in the United States and Europe on the manufacture of guns and armor. He was presented with the Whitworth scholarship medal for his metallurgical work. He also received the formal thanks of the Peabody Academy of Science for his services in the Coast Survey, and received numerous other honors for his valuable services in several lines.

In 1897, after doing more than his share in bringing the ordnance and armor of this country to a high standard of excellence, he undertook the development of submarine torpedo boats and accepted the presidency of the Holland Submarine Boat Company, greatly aided in perfecting the Holland type; during his incumbency the mechanical control of submergence was perfected, which forms the vital character of the modern submarine. Capt. Jaques was the author of several books and monographs on heavy ordnance, armor, torpedoes, solar radiation and similar subjects and was an authority on water engineering. He was one of the international jury on marine transportation and war material at the Columbia Exposition in 1892.

Mrs. Jaques has two sons, William Henry Jaques, Jr., and David Rittenhouse Jaques.

Though Congress will open tomorrow and this week will see an influx of Congressional folk, the several Cabinet group will slip away for a few days. Mrs. Gregory has gone to Winchester, Va., to visit her son, who is a student at the Virginia Military Institute. Mrs. Daniels leaves today for a trip South in the interest of the Y. W. C. A. war work council, and Secretary Baker has gone to Florida and South Carolina on an inspection trip. Secretary and Mrs. Houston expect to leave about Wednesday for a short stay in New York. Postmaster General Burleson, who has been on a hunting trip, will return to Washington tomorrow.

An interesting newcomer among the army set is Maj. Eugene Lewis, U. S. A., of Iowa. He belongs to the aviation branch of the service and with Dr. Isaac Jones who is now in France, also Dr. William Hoffman Wilmer, Dr. Walter Wells and a number of other prominent physicians, is doing remarkable work in the concentration of the men in that branch of the service. Their work deals chiefly with the effect of high altitudes on aviators, particularly in relation with their hearing. Dr. Lewis is one of the most prominent specialists in the country. Mrs. Lewis did not accompany the doctor to Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Smith, Jr., have purchased the beautiful estate owned by Mrs. Frank Walter near Rockville on the Norbeck road. It comprises almost a hundred and fifty acres and is one of the prettiest farms in Montgomery county which is full of lovely places. The farm already has three houses on it, two small ones and one very large one, but Mr. and Mrs. Smith are going to build still another and a very handsome one. They have already sent an architect and a landscape gardener from New York and have elaborate plans for laying out what promises to be one of the handsomest estates.

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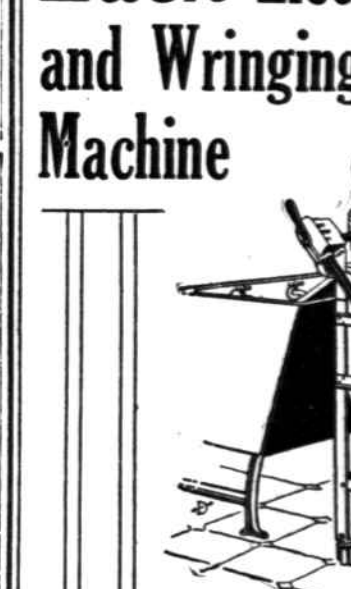


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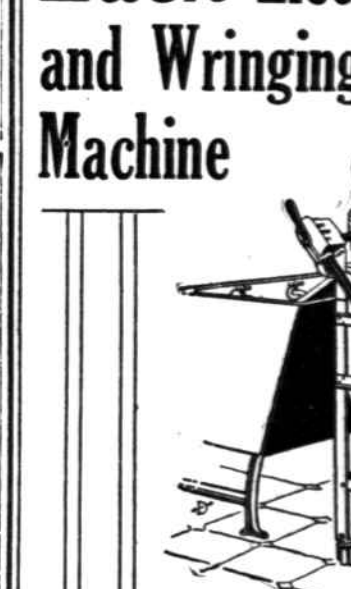
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